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In re Application of :
Chen, et al. :
Application No. 10/759,333 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: January 16, 2004 :
Attorney Docket No. Halliburton- :
135/US :

This is a decision on the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, filed May 29, 2007.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

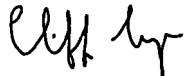
The Office mailed a non-final Office action on March 10, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Applicants filed a reply on August 10, 2006, made timely by obtaining a two month extension of time. However, the Office mailed an action on October 17, 2006, objecting to the drawings and requiring corrected drawings within thirty days. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 5, 2007. The Notice indicated that the response filed on August 10, 2006 was improper, and that no further response was received. The Notice made no mention of the October 17, 2006 Office action, which gave applicants an additional thirty days to file corrected drawings.

A review of the application file reveals the presence of drawings filed on November 20, 2006, made timely by including a Certificate of Mailing dated November 15, 2006. Accordingly, it is obvious that the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error.

In view thereof, **the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.**

The matter is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 2863 for consideration of the drawings filed November 20, 2006 (Certificate of Mailing dated November 15, 2006).

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cliff Congo".

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